

# BY-ELECTION REPORT

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2015 BY-ELECTION

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# Overview

## Introduction

On November 11 and November 12, 2015 UWSA members voted in the, Fall 2015 By-Election. The By-Election resulted in the election of one (1) Executive member and six (6) Board Members.

Total Positions Open:

Executives: 1

Faculty Board: 11

Board of Governor: 0

Senate: 1

<b>Total Open Positions</b>	<b>13</b>		
<b>Nominations Submitted</b>	14	Nominations Invalid	0
<b>All Candidates Meeting Attendance</b>	13	All Candidates Meeting Disqualification	0
<b>Open Positions</b>		School of Dramatic Arts	1
		Faculty of Education & Academic Development	1
		School of Social Work	1
		School of Visual Arts	1
		Residence Representative	1

This Election was governed by the Election Policy dated October 31, 2014.

## Election Staff

Chief Returning Officer: April Adams

Deputy Returning Officer: Robert Cervi

Election Committee: Moussa Hamadani

RJ D'Aguilar

Diana Lu

## Election Calendar Key Dates

<b>Nominations Opened</b>	<b>Monday Oct 19, 2015</b>	<b>Nominations Closed</b>	<b>Tuesday, Oct 27, 2015</b>
<b>All Candidates Meeting</b>	Oct. 30, 5:00 pm		
<b>Poster Night</b>	Saturday, Oct 31		
<b>Campaign Period started:</b>	Monday, Nov 2	<b>Campaign Period ended:</b>	Tuesday, Nov 10
<b>Voting Days</b>	Wednesday, Nov 11 Thursday, Nov 12	<b>Rock the Vote</b>	Thursday, Nov 12
<b>Poster Recycling</b>	Nov 13, 14 & 15		
<b>Last day to Appeal Votes</b>	Saturday, Nov 14 at 6:00 pm		

## Advertising

UWSA Website

UWSA Office

CRO Office

Uwindsor.ca/massmail

Facebook

The Lance

Posters throughout University of Windsor Campus

Voting signs placed at Polling stations, outside buildings and throughout CAW Centre

Voting T-shirts were provided to all Poll Clerks

## Voting Website

[www.uwindsor.ca/uwsavote](http://www.uwindsor.ca/uwsavote)

## Voting On-Line

Start Time: Wednesday, Nov 11, 2015 at 12:01 am

End Time: Thursday, Nov 12, 2015 at 6:00 pm

## Polling Locations

Dates: Wednesday, Nov 11, 2015 at 9:30 am to 6:00 pm and  
Thursday, Nov 12, 2015 at 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

CAW Commons	
Centre for Engineering Innovation	
Law Building	
Leddy Library	
Toldo	

# Contested Positions

## Executive

1. Vice-President Student Services

## Board of Directors

1. Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science – 2 Directors
2. School of Drama Arts – 1 Director
3. Faculty of Education & Academic Development – 1 Director
4. Faculty of Engineering – 1 Director
5. Faculty of Law – 1 Director
6. Faculty of Social Work – 1 Director
7. Faculty of Visual Arts – 1 Director
8. Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry- 1 Director
9. University of Windsor Residence- 1 Director
10. Student Senators- 1 Directors
11. *1<sup>st</sup> Year Representative*

*(Needs to be put in alpha order for next election)*

# Election Results and Statistics

<b>UWSA List of Electors (Voters):</b>	11713
<b>Voter Turnout:</b>	925
<b>Voter Percentage:</b>	8

**Number of Votes per Executives:**

VP Student Services:                      852                      73 declined

**Number of Votes per Senators:**

Senators:                                      736                      120 declined

**Number of Votes for all Board positons:**

Board of Directors:                      538                      68 declined

# Winners

POSITION	NAME	VOTES
<b>Executives</b>		
<b>President</b>		
<b>Board of Director Finance</b>		
<b>Board of Director Student Advocacy</b>		
<b>Board of Director Student Services</b>	Tofumni Adebise	327
<b>Board of Governors</b>		
<b>Senators</b>	Makram Al-Matary	422
<b>Board of Directors</b>		
<b>Faculty of Arts, Humanities &amp; Social Services</b>	Dunya Badwilan	115
	Hanan Hjjih	113
<b>Odette School of Business</b>		
<b>School of Computer Science</b>		
<b>School of Dramatic Arts</b>	Open	
<b>Faculty of Education &amp; Academic Development</b>	Open	
<b>Faculty of Engineering</b>	Gauri Ahluwalia	70
<b>Faculty of Human Kinetics</b>		
<b>Faculty of Law</b>	Justin Binkley	57
<b>School of Music</b>		
<b>Faculty of Nursing</b>		
<b>Schulich School of Medicine &amp; Dentistry</b>	Open	
<b>Inter-Faculty</b>		
<b>International Student Representative</b>		
<b>Residence Representative</b>	Open	
<b>First Year Representative</b>	Amer Tamr	90



# Voting Results

## List of Candidates

Faculty of FAHSS - Board Of Director

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Dunya Badwilan	115
2	Hanan Hjjih	113
-	None Of The Above	36
-	Decline To Vote	32

Faculty of Engineering - Board of Director

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Gauri Ahluwalia	70
2	None of the Above	17
-	None Of The Above	7
-	Decline To Vote	7

Faculty of Law - Board of Director

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Justin Binkley	57
2	None of the Above	3
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	3

Senator

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Jeffrey Tunde	314
2	Makram Al-Matary	422
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	120

First Year Student Representative

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Abdul Rahman	56
2	Amer Tamr	90
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	26

Vice President Student Services

#	NAME	VOTES
1	Dan Popaj	281
2	Hadeel ElZubeidi	76
3	Remy Davis	66
4	Shreyas Tambe	17
5	Tofunmi Adebise	327
6	Zaid Abusalem	85
-	None Of The Above	0
-	Decline To Vote	73

# Milestones and Outcomes

KEY MILESTONE	ITEM	OUTCOMES
<b>Pre-Election</b>	<i>Election Calendar</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul>
	<i>Election Forms</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No complaints</li> </ul>
	<i>Penalty Point System</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul>
<b>Nomination Period</b>	<i>Nomination Forms</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forms were handed in throughout the period</li> <li>• Most forms were accurate</li> <li>• All forms were approved</li> </ul>
	<i>Disqualification</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No disqualifications</li> </ul>
	<i>Penalties</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No penalties were issued</li> </ul>
<b>All Candidates Meeting</b>	<i>Meeting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Started at 5:05</li> <li>• Ended approximately 6:30 pm</li> <li>• 1 candidates did not attend with approval                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Justin Binkley</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Poster Approval</b>	<i>Extra day given in this election</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poster approval ran a lot smoother. Students had no complaints this election.</li> <li>• Would like to see changes</li> </ul>
<b>Poster Night</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ran smoothly</li> </ul>

KEY MILESTONE	ITEM	OUTCOMES
<b>All Candidates Forum</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall a below moderate turnout amongst students</li> <li>• Best debate thus far!</li> </ul>
<b>Poll Clerk Training</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great response from students</li> </ul>
<b>Voting Period</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low turnout on Wednesday?</li> <li>• No major issues</li> <li>• Poll clerks all showed up on time</li> </ul>
<i>The below information is carried over from last report</i>		
<b>OVERALL</b>	<i>NO SPACE AVAILABLE TO BOOK EVENTS</i>	<p>ELECTION CALENDAR MUST BE EARLIER FOR GENERAL ELECTION</p> <p>Yearend has many events and galas, which caused issues for both Candidates and Election events; room bookings and attendance.</p>
	<i>SOCIETY ELECTIONS</i>	<p>TO MANY ELECTIONS AT ONE TIME</p> <p>More time needs to be spent on Society Elections</p> <p>Society Constitutions need to be revised</p> <p>Society Elections should be governed under UWSA and existing Election Policy</p> <p>Great turnout overall by Society's</p> <p>Science had a 1.77% turnout compared to UWSA at .38%</p>

# Expense Forms and Penalties

	Amount submitted	Amount Approved		
<b>EXECUTIVES</b>	300.00 limit		√	
Dan Popaj	\$ 272.75	\$ 272.75		\$ 300.00
Hadeel ElZubeidi				\$ 300.00
Remy Davis				\$ 300.00
Shreyas Tambe	\$ 18.08	\$ 18.08		\$ 300.00
Tofunmi Adebise	\$ 157.80	\$ 157.80		\$ 300.00
Zaid Abusalem	\$ 96.89	\$ 96.89		\$ 300.00
<b>BOARD OF GOVENOR</b>	200.00 limit			
	\$ -	\$ -		
<b>SENATORS</b>				
Jeffrey Tunde				\$ 200.00
Makram Al-Matary	\$ 185.29	\$ 185.29		\$ 200.00
	\$ 185.29	\$ 185.29		
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTOR</b>	150.00 limit			
Dunya Badwilan				\$ 150.00
Hanan Hijih				\$ 150.00
Gauri Ahluwalia				\$ 150.00
Justin Binkley	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 150.00
Abdul Rahman				\$ 150.00
Amer Tamr				\$ 150.00
	\$ 916.10	\$ 916.10		\$ 3,100.00

# Disqualifications

No disqualification in this Election.

# Appeals

No appeals in this Election.

# Recommendations

## Election Policy

**Add:**            *Limit on Position Sought*

A member is limited to seek nomination for one position per election cycle. Should a member be found to be seeking nominations for multiple positions, that Member will be treated as having not registered as a Nominee and will not be considered for candidacy for any position.

**Change:**        *Section 80.08 Campaign Material Limitations*

*Suggestion:* I would like to mandate that all Presidents must make a 3 x 7 banner which will hang in the Windows of the CAW Commons area during the Election. Banners must be up and ready for Poster Night. Posters can be approved early.

*Suggestion:*    Banner size wording should be revised

*Change:*        Overlap or be attached to any hung or posted campaign material of another candidate by one (1) inch or cover any words of another candidates banner or poster.

**Add:**            *120.01 Submitting Complaints*

Any allegations of violations of the Election Policy must be submitted to the CRO.  
The last day to submit complaints is the day after the last day of voting at 6:00 pm  
Any complaints submitted, which involve University of Windsor campus police to investigate will be extended until proof of allegations have been confirmed.

**Add:**            *Reimbursements*

A new section needs to be added regarding Reimbursements. Clear rules need to be established regarding reimbursements and penalties to candidates.

**Add:**            *New Policy on Referendum*

- Detailing requirements and timelines
- Any referendum which involves a contract must uphold due diligence by the UWSA and the petitioner.
- The UWSA must investigate the contents of the question with all parties involved before it is sent out to the membership.

**Add:**            *New Policy for Candidates that are disqualified*

- Candidates that are disqualified from a General Election cannot run in the up-coming by-election.

## Suggestions

### Reduce Voting Day

- 1 day for Voting
- Reduces administration costs
- Less stress on candidates
- Create marketing campaign focusing on locations and “promoting the vote”
- In line with Provincial and Federal Elections

### Campaigning during Voting Days

- Change policy so Candidates can Campaign during Voting Days
- Will add more excitement
- We can't control Social Media Campaigning
- Candidates will NOT be allowed to send messages asking people to vote for certain people
- NO interviews with MEDIA during Voting Days

### Election Committee

- Outsourced CRO (April Adams) is responsible for hiring the Election Committee
  - Students were approached by certain individuals to apply for the position.
  - Board Members that Vote for EC, is a conflict of interest.

### Voting Website

- CRO found the voting website to be time consuming and confusing for voters.
- SAVE button needs improvement.
- Research different ways to Vote on-line.

### Voting Administration

- The Vote administration site should be reviewed with the CRO and IT services to enhance its capabilities.
- The following areas need upgrading: testing/verifying data entries, timeline, and statistics and the voting process.
- The CRO has reviewed the last three Election reports and believe the actual turnout of voters is incorrect.
- The Voting statistics can provide useful information to the UWSA when it comes to who is voting and when. A strategy can be better utilized when it comes to marketing towards specific faculties with low turnout, the advantage/disadvantage to hiring poll clerks and voter turnout on specific days.

### Election Manual

An Election Manual needs to be developed. As a new CRO there are many aspects to running an election within the University of Windsor that a new CRO is unaware of.

The Election Manual can provide information regarding all aspects of running an election; who to contact regarding Voter lists for each Faculty, how to set-up the Vote administration site, contact information for catering, stage set-up and video equipment.



## **Society Elections**

Many new students are not well informed of the Election process. An Election Guide and Forms should be available to all Society's to better assist them in an Election for their Executive members and staff.

All Society constitutions need to be reviewed and updated. Society Elections should be the same for all Society's.

## **Election Policy**

CRO would like to review the entire Policy and make recommendations to the Board before the next Election.

# Acknowledgements

### **Catering Services**

Rana Chan

### **Campus Police**

Mike MacKinnon and Staff

### **CAW Commons Support**

Dolly Digou

Laurie McGhee

### **Dean of Students**

Dr. Clayton Smith

### **Grounds – Environmental Services**

John Reiger

### **Office of the Registrar**

Dave Wilbur

### **Technical Support**

Shiladitya Chakrabarti

### **The Lance**

Jolene Perron & staff

### **UWSA Executives**

Jaydee Tarpeh

Matthew Dunlop

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### **UWSA Staff**

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Yoshani Jayatilaka

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